be taken in consultation with all State Governments to open more colleges affiliated to Central and State Universities during the remaining part of the year 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). No, Sir. Colleges are generally established by State Governments or Private Trusts/Registered Societies in view of the educational requirements of a particular area/region, the availability of resources and other relevant factors.

The demand for admission to institutions of higher education is being met, apart from opening of new colleges, by enhancing the intake capacity of existing colleges, introduction of new courses and provision of alternate channels for higher education. Indira Gandhi National Open University has been entrusted with the responsibility for introduction and promotion of the Open University and Distance Education systems in the educational pattern of the country. Four State Open Universities, including one in Maharashtra, and 40 other Universities are offering courses through the distance education mode. Several Universities also permit external students, who study at home to appear in the examination.

[*Translation*]

Classified Forests in Rajasthan

2619. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the classified forest area out of the total area of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the non-forest areas are adversely affecting the ecology of the State; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken for development of forests in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The classified forests in Rajasthan as per the 'India's Forests, 1987' are:

Reserve forests	13970 Sq. Km.
Protected forests	14170 Sq. Km.
Unclassed forests	3150 Sq. Km.
Total forest area	31290 Sq. Km.

(b) and (c). No data is available to indicate that the non-forest areas are adversely affecting the ecology of the State.

However, massive afforestation programme has been launched under the 20-point programme including Social Forestry Scheme

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme is under implementation to help the State for development of infrastructure for protection of forests against biotic interference.

[*English*]

Labour Ministers' Conference

2620. SHRIMATI D.K. BHANDARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of State Labour Ministers is proposed to be convened in September, 1991; and

(b) if so, the specific issues likely to be discussed at the conference?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). It has

been tentatively suggested to convene a Conference of the State Labour Ministers in September, 1991 to discuss, inter alia, the report of the Ramanujam Committed on Industrial Relations.

[*Translation*]

Construction of Rooms in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

2621. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding construction of rooms in open space and in basement by digging upto the plinth level by some of the allottees of Sector 'B' Pocket 10 in the Vasant Kunj, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey has recently been conducted by the DDA. In cases where unauthorised addition/alteration is detected, action is initiated as per terms and conditions of allotment and provisions of Delhi Development Act. 1957. The details regarding number of such cases detected in Sector 'B', Pocket 10, Vasant Kunj and action initiated thereon are not readily available and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Demand to Reduce Working Hours in Kendriya Vidyalayas

2622. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand to reduce working hours of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). Yes Sir. The All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association asked for reduction in school timings from 6 hours 10 minutes to 5 hours 30 minutes and introduction of a five day week.

A per existing norms Kendriya Vidyalayas run for 5 hours 10 minutes in primary classes while classes VI and above work for 6 hour 10 minutes. The Kendriya Vidyalayas are closed on the second saturday of every month.

In view of the time needed for coverage of curricular and co-curricular programmes, it is not in the interest of the students to reduce the school timings.

Project Integrated Education for the Disabled

2623. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI B.L. SHARMA PREM:
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Project Integrated Education for the Disabled (PIED) has been launched for educating mentally retarded and physically handicapped;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the project and the number of disabled children receiving education;